

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS,
AUGUST 8, 2007 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a Regular City Council Meeting on the 8th day of August 2007 at 5:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP - 5:30 P.M.

Call to order.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Manea, Reyna, Baldridge, Dean and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Feutz, City Accountant Wallace, Community Development Director Smith, Economic Development Director Caldera, Fire Chief Irwin, Police Chief Wallace, Library Director Trent, Human Resources Officer/Assistant City Secretary Schendel, City Attorney Jacobson, Public Works Director Vick and Assistant Director Stolz were also present.

Discussion on FY 2008 Budget

City Manager Lambert addressed Council presenting the details of the proposed FY 2008 Budget. Mr. Lambert stated that the proposed budget anticipated a decrease in the ad valorem tax rate of .01 and contained the following expenditures: a 2% COLA to employees, a 56% increase in premiums for workers' compensation coverage, a continuance of the 2.5% savings expected by delaying filling vacant positions for three months following the departure of an employee, funding the Code Enforcement Officer as a part-time position, and an estimated annual debt payment of \$90,000 for a new fire truck. Mr. Lambert reviewed the tax picture and explained the effective tax rate and the roll back tax rate. He explained that the proposed tax rate of .527400 would increase ad valorem taxes on the average home valued at \$116,994 to \$617.03 annually for City taxes, which would be an increase of \$51.67 annually. Mr. Lambert reviewed the anticipated FY 2008 budget summarizing expected revenues and expenses by departments and funds.

Members of Council asked for clarification of proposed expenses and the need for certain expenditures included in the proposed budget. Councilmembers agreed that the proposed \$13,600 included as a capital expenditure for laptops for the Council Chambers was an expense that was not needed at this time, but it was recommended that on/off buttons be added to the existing microphones on the dais.

Mayor Riley informed the Council that she had received no response from the City of Helotes since the new Mayor was elected regarding a renewal of the contract between the City of Helotes and the City of Leon Valley for dispatching services. She stated that the City could lose \$66,000 annually if Helotes decided not to renew their contract.

At the end of the discussion, Mayor Riley announced that a public hearing would be held on the proposed budget at the City Council meeting of August 21, 2007 and that she anticipated the FY 2008 Budget would be adopted by Council after that public hearing. Mayor Riley also announced that public hearings would be held on the tax rate during Council meetings of

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September 4, 2007 and September 11, 2007 with a vote on the tax rate to be considered on September 18, 2007.

Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to adjourn the meeting. Upon vote the motion carried and Mayor Riley announced the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Manea, Reyna, Baldrige, Dean and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert and all staff who were present at the earlier were also present for the start of the Regular City Council Meeting and City Attorney Jacobson joined the dais.

Mayor Riley asked Catherine Rodriguez from the Oak Hills Terrace Elementary Ballet Folklorico to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider approval of minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 17, 2007 and the City Council Workshop of July 21, 2007.

A motion was made by Councilman Manea, seconded by Councilmember Baldrige, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 17, 2007 and the City Council Workshop of July 21, 2007 as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Presentations for the Green Bin Instant Win Program (Mayor Riley)

Mayor Riley presented checks to residents Pedro Esquivel and Celia Rio for their winning participation in the Green Bin Instant Win Program. Mayor Riley encouraged everyone to continue their participation in the City's recycling program.

Citizens to be heard and time for objections to the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Riley asked Council if they wished for any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Hearing no one, Mayor Riley then asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

Don Freiling addressed Council about an upcoming zoning case being considered by the City of San Antonio. Mr. Freiling stated that the N.W. Industrial Park, along Eckhert Road, west of Bandera Road, abutted a proposed residential-zoned property for garden homes and he felt industrial-zoned properties which abut residential-zoned properties were not compatible and would result in increased noise complaints, increased traffic onto Bandera Road and increased air pollution. He asked the Leon Valley City Council to consider supporting a resolution asking

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the City of San Antonio to deny the rezoning request for multi-family housing to be built behind the industrial park.

Resident Dorothy Humphrey addressed Council complaining about the number of loose animals who are not kept under the direct control of their owner in the Raymond Rimkus Park. Ms. Humphrey complained that she is fearful for her safety and that of her small dog while in the park, following an attack on her leashed dog. Ms. Humphrey asked that enforcement be increased in the Park to insure that leashed dogs be under the control of the owner, that visitors not unleash their animals in the natural area, that those who break the rules be cited and that the area be supervised by the police more carefully.

Catherine Rodriguez, from the Oak Hills Terrace Elementary Ballet Folklorico, addressed Council, asking them to consider allowing her to name her group the official Ballet Folklorico dance group for the City of Leon Valley. She stated that her group practices on the Leon Valley Library's porch and stated that she would like to teach other Leon Valley residents dance skills. She noted that the group is already providing entertainment for the Leon Valley Trade & Market Days. Resident Lydia Stahl addressed Council in support of Ms. Rodriguez's request. Councilman Reyna asked if the Council has to give permission to use the name "Leon Valley" as the title for their group. City Attorney Jacobson stated that no permission is needed for just using the name "Leon Valley" as part of their name. Ms. Rodriguez stated that she was not asking the City for monetary backing but wanted to be the exclusive dance group for the City of Leon Valley. Mayor Riley asked that the item be placed on a future agenda for Council consideration.

Mayor Riley asked if anyone else wished to address Council; seeing no one, she asked for a motion on items listed on the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Consider an Ordinance to approve appointment of members to the Trade and Market Days Committee and to the Earthwise Living Committee.

Consider M&C #08-01-07 with attached Resolution - a request to approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson for municipal court fines and fees collection services for a period of October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2009 and approval of a Resolution authorizing a collection fee of thirty percent (30%) (Wallace).

Consider M&C # 08-02-07- a request to authorize payment to Etech Construction, Inc. In the amount of \$18,318.08 (Vick).

Consider M&C # 08-03-07 with attached ordinance - a request to approve an amendment to the original City of Leon Valley FY 2007 budget in the amount of \$50,000 for impact fee study from the Water and Sewer Fund (Smith).

Consider M&C # 08-04-07 - a request to approve authorization for continuation of State and Local Task Force Agreement between the San

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**Antonio District Office of Drug Enforcement Administration and the Leon
Valley Police Department.**

**Consider M&C # 08-05-07 with attached Ordinance - a request approve
revisions to City Code Chapter 32, "Schedule of Fees", to include fees for
electrical, plumbing, gas, bulk water, heating and air conditioning permits
(Smith).**

A motion was made by Councilmember Dean, seconded by Councilman Reyna, to approve the Consent Agenda as listed on the agenda. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Action Agenda

**Public Hearing to consider M&C # 08-06-07 with attached Ordinance - A request to
approve amending City Code, Chapter 30, "Zoning," Section 30.606(C.3) "Setback
Requirements," Section 30.608(B.6), "R-3 Density," and Section 30.900(4.C), "Landscaping
Requirements" for technical corrections (Smith).**

Community Development Director Smith addressed Council stating that changes approved last November to City Code Chapter 30, "Zoning" were codified into the Zoning Code on March 6, 2007. She stated that once staff began using the new chapter some errors were noticed. Ms. Smith noted that the request before Council will correct those errors:

Section 30.606, "R-1" Single Family Dwelling, Part C.3 will be amended to read: "Side Yard (second sentence): On corner lots the external side yard shall be not less than ten (10) feet."

Section 30.608, "R-3" Multiple-Family Dwelling District, Part B.6 will delete references to "Density" entirely, as the density requirements pertain to the R-3A (Multiple-Family Retirement District).

Section 30.900, "Landscaping", Part f.4.C will be amended to read: All other retail and commercial uses, including all uses allowed in the B-1, B-2, and B-3 districts in the City - twenty percent (20%).

Ms. Smith informed Council that on July 24, 2007, the Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed corrections by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mayor Riley opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.; seeing no one Mayor Riley announced the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to approve the changes to City Code Chapter 30 "Zoning" as requested. Upon vote, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing to consider M&C # 08-07-07 with attached Ordinance - a request to
approve revisions to City Code, Chapter 30, "Zoning," Sections 30.202, "Definitions,"
30.800 c.(5), "Alternative Landscaping" and Section 30.900, "Landscaping" to create tree
preservation regulations (Smith).**

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Community Development Director Smith addressed Council and the audience displaying slice cuts of various diameter tree trunks. Ms. Smith explained that the proposed amendment to the City Code Chapter 30, "Zoning" would insert a tree preservation ordinance into the Zoning Code Chapter, would incorporate procedures for variances and appeals through the Board of Adjustment, and would give the Zoning Commission the responsibility to examine the site plans and landscaping plans of development in the City. Ms. Smith stated that proposed changes exempted existing occupied homes, but the proposed regulations pertain to all commercial, new residential and all redevelopment. Ms. Smith reviewed the added definitions to be included for: certified arborist, buildable area, caliper, living tree, multi-trunk tree caliper, dripline, xeriscape, and definitions for multi-trunk, small, medium, large and Heritage trees. Ms. Smith explained that the proposed Code changes provide credits for preserving existing trees and will prohibit conversions from landscape space to parking spaces, will require a tree survey on lots to be developed, delineates preservation of certain tree species, and changes preservation standards to be based on the size of the tree trunk's diameter. Ms. Smith noted that the new Code prohibits the removal of Heritage trees with substantial penalties and creates a mitigation regulation which will establish tree protection standards for the City. Ms. Smith reported that on July 24, 2007, the Zoning Commission voted to approve the revisions to City Code Chapter 30 "Zoning" as requested by a vote of 7 to 0. She also stated that the Zoning Commission will consider further tree preservation regulations for existing, occupied, residential properties at their next regular meeting. Ms. Smith presented a sample of a tree survey and how the proposed tree survey would be used.

Following Council discussion, Mayor Riley opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. inviting anyone from the audience to come speak on the subject.

Resident Al Uvietta addressed Council encouraging Council to approve the Tree Preservation Ordinance. He also recommended that Council act to improve the aesthetics of fencing in the city which faces City streets by requiring property owners to have dress-side out on those fences.

City Manager Lambert stated that the proposed Tree Preservation Ordinance will serve to protect the existing tree canopy and recommended that future programs address expanding the City's tree canopy.

Seeing no one else to come before Council for the public hearing, Mayor Riley closed the public hearing.

Council discussion continued seeking clarification about landscaping regulations included in parking regulations section of the Zoning Code and the enforce ability of the new regulations. Ms. Smith reviewed landscaping regulations contained in the parking regulations section of the Zoning Code and stated that the new regulations will not be difficult to enforce.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldrige, seconded by Councilman Manea, to adopt the proposed changes to the Zoning Code which would include a Tree Preservation Ordinance as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mayor Riley announced the motion was approved and thanked Ms. Smith for her work on the ordinance.

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Consider M&C # 08-08- 07 with attached ordinance - a request to approve the purchase of a security system for City Hall complex and associated budget adjustment (Chief Wallace).

Chief Wallace addressed Council explaining the types of security measures the City currently uses for access to City Hall and to the Police Department. He proposed that the current access control systems be replaced with a proximity card system which allows each card access to specific areas and can easily be activated and deactivated with changes in staff and as needed. Chief Wallace proposed that the new access system be installed to replace the current locking systems with an additional two access locks at the door leading to the court staff area and to the door between City Hall proper and the Police Department lobby. Chief Wallace explained that funding for the project will come from the Building Security Fund to complete the City Hall portion and the Police Forfeiture Fund for Police Department locks.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to approve the purchase and the associated budget adjustment as requested. Upon unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

Consider M&C 08-09-07 -a request to approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreement for codification services (Feutz).

City Secretary Feutz addressed Council stating that most of the 36 chapters that make up the current City Code have not been codified with amending ordinances since the 1990's . Ms. Feutz explained that a request for proposals had been sent to three major legal publishing firms asking for basic codification services, five hard copies of the completed code, future update services, and five licenses for electronic copies, along with web service, so that all can access the Code on the web. Ms. Feutz presented comparisons among the three firms: American Legal Publishing, Franklin Legal Publishing, and Municipal Code Corporation. Ms. Feutz stated that a budget adjustment would be requested after September 30, 2007 to rollover money budgeted in FY 2007 for the completion of this project.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dean, seconded by Councilman Reyna, to approve the request to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for codification services of the City Code with Franklin Legal Publishing. Councilmember Nelson recommended that a disclaimer be placed on the City's website noticing readers that the Code may not be completely updated as on the web. Upon unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion was approved.

Consider M&C # 08-10-07 - a request to award the FY 2008 Group Health Insurance Bid for employee medical insurance and authorization for the City Manager to execute a contract. (Schendel).

Human Resources Officer Schendel addressed Council stating that she would present all four types of insurance - medical, dental, life, and vision as a package, and then ask Council to consider each M&C separately for a vote. Ms. Schendel announced that two representatives from one of the bidders, Humana Insurance, were present in the audience.

Ms. Schendel stated that sealed bids were sought for the purpose of identifying health plans that would provide comparative benefits to the current coverages and which would keep the

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City's costs at or below existing costs. Ms. Schendel stated that benchmarks were used to narrow the field to two top applicants and included: comparative benefits, cost savings, administrative support provided to the City, extent of provider networks, value-added services, and client references to shrink the number of respondents to the top two major carriers that most met our preferred benchmarks.

Ms. Schendel provided a summary analysis of medical, dental, life and vision plans for the current group health insurance provider Blue Cross/Blue Shield and from competitive bids for Aetna and Humana companies. She noted that grouping of the Aetna family products would provide an additional 2% discount to the medical plan premiums. She noted that to add a vision insurance program to the Humana medical plans would increase the premium by 2% and the Humana premium quotes included 5% agent commissions. In summarizing, Ms. Schendel stated that the alternate plans provided a comprehensive health plan with cost savings to the City and with some savings to employees for some dependent premiums. She noted that the plans increased out-of-pocket expenses to employees included increased deductibles, co-insurances, and the maximum out-of-pocket each year for expenses. Ms. Schendel noted that the quoted dental plans by the current carrier and both Aetna and Humana were very similar with savings to the City over the Blue Cross/Blue Shield quoted rates. Ms. Schendel reviewed the quoted life insurance benefit, which includes an accidental death and dismemberment benefit, with quoted plans for Humana and Aetna. Ms. Schendel informed Council that if Council approves a medical plan which includes a vision benefit, Council would not need to consider a separate vision insurance program. She also noted that some vision benefits included in the medical plans were of the reduced fee for services type.

Mayor Riley invited Tom Sulliman of Humana to address Council to provide clarification of differences between HMO and PPO health plans. He explained that maximum out of pocket expenses with the Humana plans were higher but the day-to-day co-pays were lower. Ms. Sulliman stated that the Aetna HMO calendar year deductibles would probably be added to the maximum out-of-pocket expenses making their out of pocket expenses \$4,500, but with the Humana's quoted plan, the maximum out of pocket was \$4,000.

Council discussion continued about the estimated savings to the City that could be anticipated, the employee-paid premiums for dependent insurances, discounts to medical premiums for using multiple products of the same insurance carrier, and feed back from employees on their preferences.

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilman Manea, to accept the bundled Aetna plan. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Mayor Riley recognized Mr. Silliman from the audience. Mr. Silliman stated that Humana did give the City the option to carve out the broker commission if they wished and that amount was 5%. He also stated that the commission is an optional fee. Mr. Silliman stated that the Humana vision program quoted was a fully insured vision plan but that Humana offers a reduced fee for services plan without charge and that together with a wellness program, monthly wellness calendar and health fair are included in their proposed plan without additional charge to the City.

Councilmember Dean asked for additional time to study the options available.

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Councilman Reyna asked that each of the two carriers, and the current carrier be invited to speak to Council for 10 minutes at another meeting before a decision is made. Councilmember Dean asked if employee input could be provided also before Council makes a decision.

Resident Monica Donahue asked to address Council stated that employees would prefer the PPO health plans from her experience.

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to table any decision on any of the insurance plans (Items 15, 16, 17, and 18 on the agenda) until the August 21, 2007 City Council Meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried and Mayor Riley announced that the items would be considered again at the Council meeting on August 21, 2007.

Consider M&C # 08-11-07 - a request to award the FY 2008 Group Health Insurance Bid for employee dental insurance and authorization for the City Manager to execute contract (Schendel).

Consider M&C # 08-12-07 - a request to award the FY 2008 Group Health Insurance Bid for employee life insurance and authorization for the City Manager to execute contract (Schendel).

Consider M&C # 08-13-07 - a request to award the FY 2008 Group Health Insurance Bid for employee vision insurance and authorization for the City Manager to execute contract (Schendel).

Discussion Agenda

Presentation and discussion on Trade and Market Days progress and financial report (Lange/Caldera).

Mayor Riley announced that in Council had previously asked for a progress report of the Trade & Market Day events so that it could be evaluated after the first six months of the year.

Trade & Market Day Chair Nita Lange addressed Council reviewing the history of the Committee and the actual event days. She reviewed the expenditures for 2007 as compared to those of 2006 noting that supplies, rent, travel to other market day events and staff time have been reduced in 2007 but revenue for 2007 as compared with the 2007 expenditures indicated a positive balance thus far in the year. Ms. Lange indicated that they are advertising to a larger audience using radio spots and attendance is anticipated to increase with participation of the San Antonio Car Club at the Trade & Market Day. Ms. Lange reminded Council that there will be an open car show at Saturday, August 11, 2007's market day with 65 vendors. Ms. Lange stated that she felt that the Trade & Market Day helps the City's economy and that the citizens who attend the event seem to enjoy themselves.

Mayor Riley asked if the Committee had considered cutting the number of event days to less than every month and asked if the number of attendees had increased. City Manager Lambert asked if a private company, similar to one used by Helotes, had ever been contacted to run the Trade & Market Days. Ms. Lange stated that she would bring the questions to the Trade & Market Days Committee.

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Councilman Manea stated that during the National Night Out events, several residents approached him stating that they hoped the Trade & Market Days would continue. He stated that at some point the City would have to consider the contribution intangibles make to the City by these events.

Presentation and discussion on recommendations and progress report from the Citizens Neighborhood Progress Committee (Marin)

Citizens Neighborhood Progress Committee Chair Nancy Marin addressed Council presenting the recommendations of her Committee. Ms. Marin acknowledged members of the Committee who were present in the audience.

Ms. Marin announced that the Committee recommends two projects for the Street Maintenance and Repair Sales Tax and six projects to be funded by 4B Economic Development sales tax money. Ms. Marin listed the following six projects to be funded by the Economic Development 4B sales tax:

1. Beautify Leon Valley to include park areas and business areas, Bandera, Evers, and Huebner Roads, and, more specifically, to expand green space, remove graffiti, and improve landscaping;
2. Promote Leon Valley by establishing a Leon Valley identity to include unique image signage, slogan, entryway monuments, and city-wide festivals;
5. Attract new and retain quality businesses/destination businesses with incentives to include tax abatements;
6. Develop downtown atmosphere;
7. Expand fire station; and
8. Acquire land adjacent to City Hall to expand City facilities.

Ms. Marin informed Council that she had been informed the day before, by Mr. Schwab, Chair of the Texas Economic Development Council, who told her that changes in laws which regulate how moneys can be spent from Economic Development (ED) 4B sales taxes cannot generally be used for expanding the fire station nor can the moneys be used for another recommendation from the CNPC which recommended using the ED moneys acquiring land adjacent to City Hall to expand city facilities.

Ms. Marin stated that the following two projects were recommended to be funded from the Street Maintenance and Repair sales tax:

1. Replace Evers/Senecca intersection blinking light with standard traffic signal light; and
2. Maintain and repair Leon Valley streets to include quarterly street sweeps and debris removal.

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Councilman Reyna raised a question about legislation that would allow the city to take property for economic development by eminent domain and whether properties could be purchased with ED tax money to build a facility for the Economic Development Corporation or the Economic Development Department.

Ms. Marin stated that although she had not been able to inform her whole committee regarding the newly learned information which would limit the use of ED tax money for property acquisition or to build a fire station. However, she stated that she had investigated whether ED tax moneys could be used for traffic mitigation to promote economic development.

Ms. Marin recommended that the City order an election for the Economic Development, Section 4B sales and use tax for Economic Development projects and order an election for the Street Maintenance Sales Tax for November 2007. She stated that the two propositions should not be numbered in any order that would indicate a preference of one proposition over the other. She stated that September 4, 2007 is the deadline for Council to order a November 2007 election. She recommended Council, at their November 21, 2007 meeting, give favorable consideration in ordering an election to be held on November 6, 2007 for the citizens to vote on a 1/4 cent sales and use tax for street maintenance and repair with a four-year sunset clause and 1/4 cent Economic Development Tax, Section 4B, with no sunset clause. Ms. Marin stated that the loss of approximately \$100,000 per annum in sales tax revenue in each of the last five years is a trend that without intervention, had the potential of crippling the City and that the option of utilizing a 1/2 cent of sales tax to support our City could provide the financial muscle to stabilize the city and move it forward.

Mayor Riley thanked all members of the community who worked on the recommendations and reviewed the history of opposition to the Economic Development (ED), Section 4B sales tax. She stated that the additional 1/2 cent sales tax would take the City to the maximum allowed sales tax limit of 8.25% sales tax, which is above what is charged by the City of San Antonio. Mayor Riley urged caution in regards to opposition to the Economic Development, Section 4B sales and use tax and stated that the 1/4 cent Street Maintenance Sales Tax could generate approximately \$400,000. Committee member Rudy Garcia stated that a library district sales tax was being considered for the Spring election and that could increase our sales tax to the limit and close out Leon Valley's opportunity for any additional sales tax in the future.

Councilmembers discussed varying the levels of sales tax for each category in the future, not exceeding the level of sales tax being charged by the City of San Antonio, and thanked the CNPC for their work. All members expressed their support for the 1/4 cent Street Maintenance Sales Tax proposition and also discussed the option of including a sunset clause for an Economic Development, Section 4B sales tax based upon a defined number of years or on completion of defined projects proposed to be addressed by the Economic Development, Section 4B sales tax. Councilmembers discussed proceeding with calling for the Street Maintenance Sales Tax and gathering the information for prices and projects to be included in the ballot language for the Economic Development, Section 4B sales tax.

Ms. Marin stated that "good faith estimates" for economic development projects could also include operating and maintenance costs of the project and should be included in the ballot language.

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Ms. Marin stated that she would return to the CNPC with Council's recommendations and return to them on August 21, 2007 with further information.

Discussion on Strategic Planning.

City Manager Lambert addressed Council stating that the Strategic Plan approved by City Council on July 21, 2007 yielded seven goals and twenty-three objectives. He stated that, at a later date, staff will provide a plan with dates and costs to support achievement of those goals and objectives.

City Manager's report (Lambert).

City Manager Lambert advised Council that CPS Energy informed staff that costs to relocate the electrical lines for 7249 Bandera Road were \$17,786.58 higher than originally anticipated, but the moneys would come from the CPS Energy CEID Fund.

Mr. Lambert also informed Council that bids had been advertised for the City's property, liability and workers' compensation insurance coverages and he anticipated returning to Council with the bid results at the next regular Council meeting. Councilman Reyna stated that if there were more than one bidder, the companies should make presentations to Council.

The City Manager stated that resident Al Alcocer and his wife were present at the meeting as they had reported flooding on their property over the last few months. Mr. Lambert stated that according to weather reports we have had the wettest year in history. Mr. Lambert stated that the Alcocer's felt that drainage from uphill of their property was directly affecting the increased flooding over their property over the years. Mr. Lambert indicated that the Alcocers had requested major drainage improvements to alleviate the flooding situation and that the situation has been investigated over the years. He further stated that estimated costs for an underground drainage collection system and drainage improvements would cost about \$2.5 million but these changes, prepared a few years ago, and would probably require a bond issue. The City Attorney asked if this flooding can be attributed to natural drainage or due to redirected drainage by the developers. Mr. Lambert reported that the Alcocers have reported that velocity and flow have escalated over the past two years.

Councilman Reyna suggested that Street Maintenance Sales Tax revenue may help to address this type of situation.

Mr. Lambert reported that the City Engineer will review the drainage issues of the Ridge development and the flooding on the property and staff will review the report and report back to Council later.

Mr. Alcocer addressed Council stating that over the past 20 years, the small drainage that ran through his property has increased to such proportions that he cannot handle the drainage running through his property. He stated that the berm made by the Public Works Department helped but was not sufficient to solve the problem.

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Resident Pedro Esquivel addressed Council urging them to consider the employee when they consider insurance coverage and to consider insurance coverage for retired employees. Councilman Reyna asked for the proposed employee survey to include information about retiree insurance coverage.

Resident Al Baldrige addressed Council about his concerns for a successful election on the issue of another election for a sales and use tax for Economic Development.

Announcements by Councilmembers and Mayor.

Councilman Manea reported favorably his attendance at the Texas Municipal League's (TML) training in Austin for newly elected officials. He thanked staff for all the work done for the budget and their Council presentations. Councilman Manea announced that he had stepped down from his post as President of the Leon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and reported that Bill Gerlt was the new president.

Councilmember Baldrige complimented staff for all the information presented by staff and asked if staff could consolidate the information received by Council.

Councilmember Nelson also reported that she also attended the TML training for newly elected officials and felt that it was very worthwhile.

Mayor Riley suggested that the part time Code Enforcement Officer and part time Animal Control Officer be supplemented by volunteer Reserve Code Enforcement Officers. She also stated that citizens were not satisfied with the staff recommendations regarding speed humps in residential areas and asked how that could be addressed. The City Manager reported that Chief Wallace has additional information but staff was waiting for an agenda that was less busy to bring the information to Council. Councilmembers expressed their wish for lower speed limits, striping of lanes and other options to also be considered for traffic control in the neighborhood.

Mayor Riley asked that a Special Council Meeting be scheduled to finish the decision process for City Attorney services.

Mayor Riley and the Council wished Councilman Reyna a happy birthday.

Adjourn.

After asking if there was any other business or any comments, a motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Baldrige, to adjourn the meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried and Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

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